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COUNTRY **East Germany**
 SUBJECT **East German Demand for Cash
 Payment in Western Transactions**

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1. As of 7 July 1955 the East German trading agency, DIA Invest-Export, and other DIA organizations were informed by the Ministry of Foreign and Internal German Trade that no export business could be conducted with non-Bloc countries on a credit basis. Funds set aside for credit underwriting have been depleted and no further allocations are expected from the East German Ministry of Finance.
2. Increased difficulties are expected in consummating trade agreements and single orders with Near Eastern and other non-Bloc countries because of this East German demand for immediate cash payment in pounds sterling or U.S. dollars.

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